(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Factors of land degradation are:—

(i) Climate and topography; (ii) Salinity and alkalinity; (iii) Overgrazing; (iv) Deforestation; (v) Environmental pollution; (vi) Shifting cultivation; (vii) Improper land used etc.

(b) No systematic survey has been carried out to find out the land degraded in various decades. However, a recent estimate shows that an area of 1749.68 lakh hectare of the country is affected by various Land degradation problems.

(c) So far an area of 358.13 lakh hectare has been treated with various soil & water conservation measures with an expenditure of Rs. 2725.94 crores. The effort will continue during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(d) Government is aware of the news item which appeared in the pioneer of 25th January, 1992. A multi-disciplinary approach is being adopted to tackle the problems as envisaged in the news item.

Production and consumption of pulses and edible oils

2516. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual production and consumption of pulses and edible oils in the country;

(b) the extent of imports thereof during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken so far to achieve self-reliance in pulses and edible oils; and

(d) by when the country is likely to become self-reliant in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The average estimated annual production and consumption of pulses and edible oils (1988-89 to 1990-91) was as follows:—

(Quantity lakh tonnes)

	Production	Consumption
Pulses . .	135·90	142·90
Edible . .	50.98	54.60

(b) The import of pulses and edible oils during the last three years was as follows: —

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Year	Pulses	Edible Oil (Oil Year)
1988-89 . . .	8·58	3·73
1989-90 . . .	4·62	6·07
1990-91 . . .	7·92	1·08

(c) In order to increase the production of Oilseeds & Pulses specific Central|Centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented. In the case of oilseeds, the centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programmes is being implemented. In the case of pulses the centrally sponsored National Pulses Development Programme and the central Special Food Production Programme for Pulses under implementation. Under these schemes financial assistance is provided to the States on basic inputs like seeds, plant protection measures, improved agricultural implements, rhizobium culture, sprinkler sets etc. in addition to transfer of technology through block demonstrations (by States) and frontline demonstrations by ICAR. Both oilseeds and pulses have been covered by the mission mode approach under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses (TMO&P).

(d) If the present tempo of development in oilseeds is maintained we are likely to be close to self-sufficiency at the end of the Eighth Plan. In the case of pulses, it is likely to take longer.

Assistance to earthquake victims in Uttar Pradesh

2517. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Relief Commission had sent a memorandum to Government demanding Rs. 152 crores Central Assistance for the earthquake victims in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of Central Assistance provided to the Uttar Pradesh Government so far in response to that Memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the details of assistance sought is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) A Central team will shortly visit affected areas in Uttar Pradesh to assess the extent of damage and quantum of Central Assistance required for relief and rehabilitation measures. Further action will be taken on receipt of the report of the team.

Statement

Additional Central assistance sought by Government of Uttar Pradesh for relief and rehabilitation measures in the earthquake affected area.

Sl.	Name of Department	Assistance Sought (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Animal Husbandry	530.00
2.	Forest	1766.50
3.	Irrigation	233.00
4.	Urban DeWelopment	42.30
5.	Educat.on (Higher)	140.00
6.	Medical (a)—Health	74.92
	(b) —Education	56.75
7.	Panchayat Raj	335.75
8.	Power	180.00
9.	Rural Development	5633.93
10.	Food & Civil Supplies	34.50
11.	Agriculture	144.00
12.	Revenue Releif assistance to Affected people (C.R.F.)	6000.00
	TOTAL :	15171·65

or—152 crores.